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For: **SURGICAL BARRIER DEVICE INCORPORATING AN INFLATABLE
THERMAL BLANKET WITH A SURGICAL DRAPE TO PROVIDE
THERMAL CONTROL AND SURGICAL ACCESS**

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8

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In response to the Examiner's Answer mailed January 29, 2004, the applicant submits this Reply Brief.

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